



Borderless World Foundation

Annual Report 2013-14





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Dear Friends

Thank you for your kind Presence in our lives. Your caring support of the Children with Borderless World Foundation will make a great difference in the lives of many children in conflict. Thank you for holding our hands, which always busy with caring children.

There's no doubt that the need is huge. There are an estimated 100,000+ children who still need care, protection and love. Educating a girl child will bring good life in such areas. However, the support of donors/friends/well-wishers like you is helping us to make it possible for children living in conflict areas to lead happier and fruitful lives.

Thank you again for your compassionate support. We hope that you will continue to partner with us in our commitment to bring these children a future peace messengers.

Practicing good Documentation process since many years, annual reports is a good way to present transparency & Accountability. Hope this annual report will bring more awareness about the project and the organization.

With warm regards,

Chairperson

Borderless World Foundation



As we walked out of the Srinagar Airport, the tall green pine trees and the chilly wind reminded me of my hometown – Shillong. My nostalgia was disillusioned by the presence of the Indian Jawan with loaded guns at every kilometer.

A humble Adhik Kadam, founder of the Borderless World Foundation(BWF) had come to fetch us at the airport. The drive from Srinagar to Kupwara was fascinating. We saw the most beautiful children and women on our way to Kupwara - the first home of the foundation.

It was almost four in the evening, when we reached. As we stepped out of the car, I could hear the whispers of footfalls; four little angels looked up and smiled. Before we noticed, our bags were taken. As we stepped in, magical, curious faces and their gleaming eyes slowly appeared and disappeared behind their veils, leaving behind them images of smiles and faint sounds of giggles. We entered the tiny door of the house made of brick and wood, the little girls held our wrist tightly, some still shy, a little girl Soha, quietly sat in a corner. Her eyes caught my attention. She was the youngest child in the BWF home, only three- years old.

Adhik said “Soha was fifteen - months- old, when she was brought to the Kupwara home by their uncle .He handed over Soha, her sister Roshni and Hamila to me and left with their brother Tariq. Their father was a humble man, but their uncle (father’s brother) was a militant. He had to pay a price for being a brother of a militant. His relative told me he was touché red by the Army and succumbed to his injuries. The four children and their mother had to find their own destiny. After a few weeks their mother left the house, and the four children were alone.”

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Political uncertainties over the past two decades have impacted many families residing in the valley. Many who have experienced horrendous events of conflicts have lost their life partners, children and peace of mind. Many innocents men have disappeared and their wives and mothers even after years are hoping to see a glimpse of their beloved one. No explanation is ever given to them. They don't even know should they mourn the death of their husband or still wait; for maybe he will return. Adhik and Bharti worked unconditionally to give a home to many girls who were left alone like Soha, Roshni and Hamila. Bharti had to leave as she was keeping ill health but Adhik continued his work despite several militant attacks on him. Today there are four such homes in Jammu and Kashmir. In Kupwara, Anantnag and Beerwah in Kashmir and one home in Jammu.

The evening got darker, playing with the kids in the midst of smiles and hugs and kisses. Just as we introduced ourselves and waited for their turn, each was eager to say something as much as we were to know about them. In the cold winter evening as we cuddled inside the blanket; all of them sat in a circle bravely, without any blanket, all set to show their talent. As they introduced themselves they firmly shared their dreams - I want to be an IAS officer, I want to be a teacher, I want be a judge, I want to be a journalist ; all of them wanted to be something for one reason - to help the poor to help people and children like them. They knew the pain of having to live without their mother, to see their farther die. But they smiled and knew they have a farther, a brother, their Adhik Bhaiya and Salima didi who love them immensely and will ensure each one will live her dream some day.

The evening continued, the girl sang and danced in the Kashmiri folk songs and then we went to the room upstairs. That night the little angles cooked dinner served us with much love and affection. As I was about to go to bed, Soha cuddled around me. I woke up the next morning with her warmth and her smile as she was still sleeping. It was the most beautiful moment! I didn't want to leave her for a moment, but we had to travel to the next home. The morning was chilly, Sarwar, a chirpy young girl, woke me at six. 'Didi udho che baj gaye hai.' I went down, she even heated the water for me. All the kids were getting ready to go to school. Some who were older broomed the house, washed the vessels and helped the younger girls to get ready. Some were studying for their exams. They had a cup of tea and a slice of kashmiri bread for breakfast. All of them piled up the quilts and tidied their house before they stepped out to school. The morning was beautiful! We clicked lots of pictures and they loved the camera, soon they had to leave for school and we had to leave for Anantnag- the second home of borderless world foundation. It was just not easy to say good bye to them.

It was almost seven in the night when we reached Anantnag. The enchantment grew as we met the faceless angles. It was dark. We went up. The girls were shy. But two young girls Ikra and Tahibaa ran to meet their Adhik. Tahibaa was like the wind, she ran in the small corridor from one end to the other in excitement. Bhaiya, Ye didi aur bhaiya kitne din rahege? She tightly hugged her Adhik Bhaiya and complained -Aap sirf Kupwara me rehte ho; yaha kabhi -kabhi aate ho. kyu? Kal mat jana. Adhik smiled, he never had answers to their innocent questions.



Natasha Sehagal, Mumbai

As we spent time with the children, two young girls Akanksha and Deepal, two sisters from Nashik were cooking for the kids. They were living with the girls in Anantnag to make life more meaningful for these girls. They shared their experience and observations of the girls' school and education with us. Now they are trying to work on each child here to improve on their learning levels. I cooked with them while trying to know more about each girl and their backgrounds. I could have never imagined how 35 girls could stay in three tiny rooms with one washroom for all.

Most of them had exams the next day. They were trying to study in the dim candle light. They lined up for dinner, very quietly sat down without making a fuss had whatever was served to them. They ensured they clean the place well before other could eat. It was time to go to bed and we had to leave the next morning to visit more places in Srinagar and then to Beerwah-the third home.

Good Morning didi good morning bhaiya, good morning, good morning – one by one the little girls opened the door peeped in and greeted!

After we finished our work at Srinagar we headed to Beerwah- to the third home. It was an adventurous drive, an hour from Srinagar city. It seemed haunted, I held on to my colleague. I didn't know where we were. It was pitch black. I stepped out and almost froze. This time we didn't get a chance to interact with the girls, it was past midnight.

I woke up to the chirping of the birds and the giggles of the little angels. We barely had time to spend with them as they were getting ready to go to school. I realized the washrooms were outside their house. This house was in the worst condition and needed immediate repairs. I somehow managed my stay here. It was still freezing; some girls had washed their sweater and didn't have another one. They said, they woke up every day at 4 am to study and clean the house. They did all the work themselves before they left for school. It was routine for them. I was amazed to see such disciplined and well behaved children. I was astounded with their talent and zest to live and learn. Their innocent smiles still call me back!

Vehicle of social change and social justice through co-operation

The Borderless World Foundation (bwf) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, registered organization based in Pune, Maharashtra. Established in March 2002, bwf aims to provide a 'Humane Touch' to the border areas of India and beyond. The bwf family is an open circle of people with a 'change-begins-with-me' approach to this cause.

The thought behind bwf originated in 1998 when the founders started work at the grassroots level in the conflict-ridden frontier district of Kupwara in Kashmir. Their first hand experience of the human tragedy made them aware of the fact that the people of a nation often do not realize that their border areas function as the 'shock absorbers' of the country, and that life for the people in these areas is far from normal – it's full of uncertainty. Loss of lives, violence, fear and chaos are the order of the day. Socio-economic stagnancy, corruption and civil administrative breakdown affect all walks of life. Scores of thousands of children have been orphaned due to violence; close to a million of them have dropped out of their childhood.

With its prime focus on geographically remote and disadvantaged border areas, bwf launched its rehabilitation projects in the frontier districts of Kupwara, Budgam, and Anantnag. A Home for girl children of the displaced families living in Jammu was started in august 2009.

With focus areas like Health Care, Education, Rehabilitation of children & Widows, Women Empowerment, Migrants & Refugees, and Empowerment through Employment, now BWF is planning to explore Culture of cooperative sector in the Jammu & Kashmir State with the help of locals.

After the independence, national policy of India reaffirmed their faith in the co-operative movement as a vital instrument for economic development and as a vehicle of social change and social justice. The basic nature of the co-operative societies is to encourage the 'values of self-help, democracy, equality, and solidarity. Co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, and social responsibility and caring for others.



Members who taken a part in the Tour visited many cities in Maharashtra

The cooperatives in Maharashtra have a political, historical, social and cultural heritage. It is particularly strong in Western Maharashtra as the independent movement and the leaders from Pune, Mumbai, Kolhapur, Nasik and Ahmednagar initiated social reforms. Due to favorable climate conditions, soil and the development of irrigation facilities Maharashtra made good progress in sugarcane and sugar production through the help of co-operative sugar factories as well as various agriculture based products through the cooperation in between people and government.

After working more than 15 years the founders and the supporters of BWF in Maharashtra as well as in Kashmir are much aware that J & K state is having lot of potential to get develop in co-operative sector, agriculture, education and health with the help of their local and state government. Keeping the welfare of a border areas as a top priority with caring their faith and respect & dignity of people of border region especially from Jammu & Kashmir, BWF organized a exposure visit of senior citizens of J & K state for 15 days to Maharashtra State. During their visit they visited places like Pune, Baramati, Satara, Kolhapur, Mumbai and Nasik where as they received information on history of a cooperative moments in the Marathi state and also they visited projects like sugar factories, cotton industries, agricultural industry, dairy farms and hatcheries as well as they visited projects like Emergency Medical Services, Educational Institutes, human service projects etc.

The above exposure tour was completely managed by locals from Maharashtra and Kashmir.



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We (Bani and I) visited BeT Kupwara and Beerwah homes over a 4 days period from 22nd to 25th of June 2013. While it would take some time to write down the whole experience (if ever possible) here is the gist of our visit.

We were picked up by Adhik at Srinagar airport who was in Beerwah (about 40 kms from Srinagar) and another visitor, Maneesha from Mumbai who had already visited Beerwah home and accompanied us to Kupwara. While on the way, Adhik received the news that the father of a girl from a village near Kupwara but currently living in Beerwah home had died that morning. We stopped on our way to pickup the girl on our way to Kupwara. We stopped for lunch on the way and reached girl's village 'Dardpora' (a village aptly named for being home to more than 300 widows and many children without parents. You may want to google it for more information). At Dardpora, girl's relatives were waiting for us. Adhik first told the girl about death of her father, before letting the relative take her. Adhik and I joined the men's party to oversee the last rites while Bani and Maneesha were taken by women to separate room. After a while we all met in a room where Adhik emphasized that the girl should rejoin Beerwah home as soon as possible and the assurance was given by her relatives.

From Dardpora we reached Kupwara home around 3:00pm. Girls at Kupwara home welcomed us warmly but were a bit shy of us in the beginning. Kupwara home is currently managed by Pragya (who has joined recently from Pune and has background in social work) and Saleema (who has been with Bet for past 11 years, but now also working part time with a SEVA affiliated NGO working to provide vocational training to girls). Kupwara home also has 2 house-mothers who take care of girls, 2 cooks, one watchman and one person for bringing provisions for the home.

We met all the girls in a general assembly in evening, where after general introductions few girls sang songs and ghazals. After that we (visitors) were asked to leave, as Pragya and the house-mothers had to deal with a disciplinary matter. Apparently a few girls were climbing a tree in neighbor's yard and the tree fell down. None of the girls were hurt. Some of the girls went to owner's house to apologize and offered to work in the yard as compensation. However in the assembly girls were let-off after reprimand. Afterwards, over dinner we had a discussion on merit



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and the correct form of punishment for such acts. Next day being Sunday, all the girls were at home and busy with various chores such as washing their clothes and younger ones playing. We talked to some of the older girls (6th -9th std.) about their studies and what career they would like to choose. We gave the camera to girls and they were happy clicking photographs on their home and each other. Most of the photographs that I have shared were taken by the girls at their respective homes. After lunch, we went to a nearby “dam/lake” with girls for little bit of outing. Coming back from outing, girls organized a cricket match of “India” vs. “Pakistan” in their

small compound. Pakistan won that match, however the victory was shared by all. In evening, Adhik took us to visit a girl’s home in Lolab valley (about 30-40 min ride from Kupwara). This girl is in 11th Std. and part of Kupwara home but staying with her mother, as her mother needs assistance. This girl’s father was a militant who was killed by the forces. We passed through some of the places and roads that were the most dangerous during the peak of militancy. On our way Adhik and I had chat on how he got started working in Kashmir. At night a gentleman from the community dropped by to discuss the issue of access road to the land BeT has acquired for building a home. Currently there is limited space in rented house for about 40 girls.

Next day was Monday and the girls were up early. They had their PT session and after that they got busy with getting ready for school. Older girls helped younger ones in getting ready. Some of the girls had their exams (mid-year), so they were busy preparing for it till the 11th hour. Some of the girls had the day off (as they have just finished their exams). After breakfast, we took our leave from Kupwara home for Beerwah home with promise to come again and soon.

On the way to Beerwah home, first we dropped Maneesha at Srinagar airport and then reached Beerwah home on Monday around 3:00pm. Compare to Kupwara home, girls at Beerwah were less shy (they were also older, some of them from Kupwara home). They immediately took us to an open space and an apple orchard nearby. Again I gave them my camera to click some photographs. After coming back we played “antakshari” for some time and the girls showed fierce competitiveness. I went with Adhik to see the site for Beerwah home. After coming back we had

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some discussions with Mr. Zahoor (who is a teacher and trainer @ DIET and comes to Beerwah home every evening to have discussion with girls and help them with their studies). Discussions with Mr. Zahoor and Adhik revealed the complex situation of the organization amidst the mistrust between local population, the military and the militants (in older days) and how the organization has survived to make a place for itself in last 12 years. It was Mr. Zahoor and Tanveer along with Adhik and Bharati (no longer part of BWF or BeT) who conceived the notion of BeT homes. As that night was “shab ki raat”, some of the older girls were awake all night praying and we could also here people praying in a nearby cemetery all night.

Next morning (Tuesday) as most of the girls left for school, Adhik took us (Bani and myself) to Gulmarg, which is about 1 hour from Beerwah. We came back in afternoon and after lunch set about another trip, this time to a place called “doodhpatri” along with some girls. We had two vehicles, a Bolero and a maruti van, so it was hard to decide which of the girls would go on this trip. After the selection (22 girls) based on multiple complex factors we set about our trip. Though the distance was not much but the roads were tough and the girls in the van had to sometime push the van to get through. But we all had fun on our trip and took photographs.

Next day (Wednesday), we had to leave for Srinagar in morning, but because of curfew in Srinagar (due to PM’s visit and as an after fact of an attack on army convoy in which 8 army men were killed. The unit of the army has their base camp in Beerwah, not very far from girl’s home), our departure was delayed. Most of the girls left for school in morning and some for a picnic organized by their schools. Some younger girls remained at home and spent their time either playing in water or washing clothes. Finally at around 3:00 pm, when we got the new that the curfew has

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been lifted in Srinagar, we left Beerwah home, but not without promise of coming back again and staying longer.

Overall, we felt that Beerwah home had a much more homely environment, which may be due to absence of a manager or house-mothers. Also, at the time of our visit the cook has taken a leave for her 10th std. mid-year exams (inspired by girls at the home). So, in fact the older girls were “in-charge”. However, a manager was to join from 28th June and Mr. Zahoor has also found one house-mother for this home.

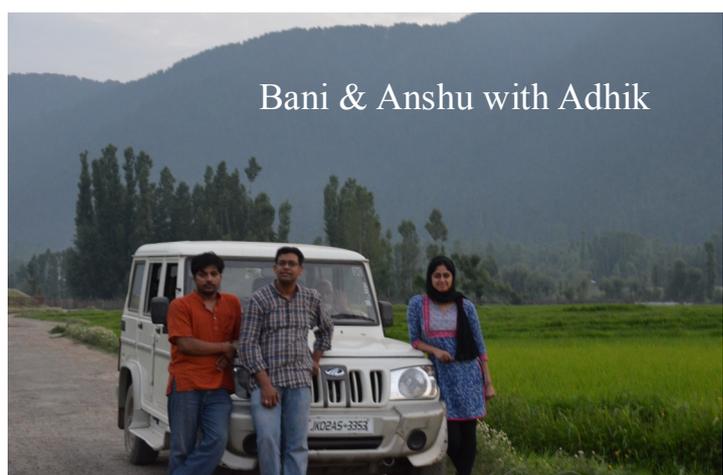


Compared to Beerwah home, girls at Kupwara home had more structured life. But, at both places, girls consider it their own home and enjoyed living there. We found that some of the older girls had real zeal of doing something in their life and understand the need to be on their own despite the social factors.

Adhik told us that HDFC has approved funding for their staff (24 for 4 homes + 5) to be started from July. They also, received notification of 2KVA inverters being donated for all 4 homes through a contact in Mumbai (who works for Harley-Davidson and visited BeT homes recently).

There is much more to BeT homes, that could be conveyed in written words on short notice. In brief, we (both Bani and I) felt that visiting BeT home was the best part of our Kashmir trip and we would be visiting these homes again and other homes as well soon.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2014

Expenditure	Amount	Amount	Income	Amount	Amount
	Rs. 31.03.2014	Rs. 31.03.2013		Rs. 31.03.2014	Rs. 31.03.2013
To Expenditure in respect of Properties		-	By Interest : On Investments	4,27,837.62	4,97,185.25
To Establishment Expenses	1,800.00	-	On Bank Accounts	73,248.00	20,404.00
To Remuneration To Trustees	-	-	By Donations	68,94,657.00	50,41,673.00
To Audit Fees	13,483.00	11,236.00	By Interest on Income Tax Refund	6,573.00	-
To Depreciation (Sch : A)	1,37,657.00	1,65,672.85			
To Expenses on the Object of the Trust (Sch: E)	52,70,382.96	42,92,019.10			
To Surplus for the year carried to Balance Sheet	19,78,992.66	10,90,334.30			
Total	74,02,315.62	55,59,262.25	Total	74,02,315.62	55,59,262.25

As per our report of even date.

For C.V.Deshpande & Co.
Chartered Accountants

C.V. Deshpande
C.V.Deshpande
(Partner)
Place: Pune
Date: 05 SEP 2014



For Borderless World Foundation

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Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2014

Funds & Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Property & Assets	Amount	Amount
	Rs. 31.03.2014	Rs. 31.03.2013		Rs. 31.03.2014	Rs. 31.03.2013
Trust Funds or Corpus Balance As Per Last Balance Sheet (As Per Schedule C)	34,23,909.00	34,23,909.00	Immovable Properties (At Cost) (As Per Schedule A)	7,76,319.00	8,82,176.00
Other Earmarked funds (Created under the provisions of the Income)	-	-	Assets Against Earmarked Funds		
Computer Fund	2,208.00	5,520.00	Computer	2,208.00	5,520.00
Vehicle Fund	7,94,433.00	9,34,627.00	Motor Vehicle	7,94,433.00	9,34,627.00
Loans (Secured Or Unsecured)	-	-	Investments		
			Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	10,08,877.00	10,04,476.00
			Fixed Deposit with Bank of India	65,78,538.59	35,73,898.94
Current Liabilities	-	-	Advances		
			For Purchase of Land	3,000.00	80,000.00
			To Sheikh Zahoor	60,000.00	-
			Tax Deducted at Source	1,68,325.00	1,65,887.00
			Advance against salary	23,000.00	-
			Deposit for Office	50,000.00	50,000.00
			Deposit for Gas Connection	6,000.00	6,000.00
			Advance to BWF - JKL Trust	1,03,750.00	1,03,750.00
Income & Expenditure Account (As Per Schedule D)	80,89,860.57	61,10,867.91	Cash & Bank Balances	27,35,959.98	36,68,588.97
			In Current Account or Fixed Deposit Account (As Per Schedule B)		
Total Rs	1,23,10,410.57	1,04,74,923.91	Total Rs	1,23,10,410.57	1,04,74,923.91

As per our report of even date.

For C.V.Deshpande & Co.
Chartered Accountants

C.V. Deshpande
C.V.Deshpande
(Partner)
Place : Pune
Date: 05 SEP 2014



For Borderless World Foundation

President

Bhaskar
Secretary



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“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”



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